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DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller *Wm* 29 November 1965

1. I talked with both Walt Elder and Bob Bannerman about paying for the Director's move from California to Washington, D. C. Apparently, there are still some problems with Bekins Moving and Storage which have not been settled. I told them that my original understanding with the Director was that he would make all the arrangements with Bekins and would turn over the bills to us. I agreed that the Agency would take care of the payments and defray the costs of temporary storage on the West Coast as well as any excess over the normal 7,000-pound limitation on shipment of household effects. It was left that Walt and Bob would work this out and that, if they need any additional travel orders or signatures, I shall be glad to provide them.

2. I advised the Director that Charlie Schultze reviewed our budget on Saturday, 27 November, but did not come down on a final mark. I expect to meet with Charlie before his formal meeting with the Director, which almost certainly cannot take place before the week of 6 December. I also told the Director that we expect the briefing in defense [] lower priority list to be ready by tomorrow.

3. I attended the "Ideas and Authors" breakfast this morning. The speaker was Dr. Kenneth Boulding, author of The Meaning of the 20th Century. The discussion was very interesting, although I am not sure that I can translate any of it into tangible benefits to the Government. In the course of the meeting John Wheelock, Executive Director of the Federal Trade Commission, invited me to join a group of "Executive Directors" from other Government agencies who meet periodically for lunch. I told him that I would be very glad to lunch with the group sometime. Mr. Wheelock will get in touch with me when the group plans to meet next. I sat next to Rex Whitton, the Federal Highway Administrator, who confirmed that the Bureau of Public Roads is giving serious consideration to turning over to GSA for further disposition approximately 200 acres of its 350 acres adjacent to our Headquarters property. Rex said it had been concluded that BPR would never be permitted to construct buildings on this property and that other agencies are constantly pressuring them for a piece of this property. He felt that BPR should not preside over the disposition of this property on behalf of the Government. While

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the decision to turn over the 200 acres is not final, this is BPR's current thinking. (I advised Bob Bannerman of this conversation and again asked him to get on record with GSA requesting that this property be reserved for our use some day to construct a building to house the remainder of our employees.) I also met Nick Oganovic, Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, and invited him to visit the Agency in the near future for lunch and a briefing. He was most enthusiastic about the prospect, and I want to follow up on this sometime soon.

4. [redacted] were in to review with me Mr. Kirkpatrick's decision a year or so ago to give a medallion to each retiree with fifteen or more years' continuous service. While I recall some informal discussions on this matter, the only documentation available to support the decision to present medallions was a memorandum to Kirk from [redacted] and there is every indication that this was a fairly unilateral decision. We have not spent much money on the project so far but are about to order three hundred medallions, [redacted] I reviewed the whole situation with Dick Helms, who asked me to raise it at the morning meeting on 30 November. I did this and received the following reactions: Desmond FitzGerald was reasonably negative about the idea of giving a medallion in the first place and was more than reasonably negative about this particular medallion. Ray Cline and Bud Wheelon were both in favor of presenting something but favored some object which could be either worn or used and would be positively identified with the Agency. Dick Helms felt that this particular medallion is too big and heavy to be worn and is also quite expensive. He was puzzled about what anyone would do with the medal after it had been presented. The Director was interested in the estimated number of retirees per annum and the cost of the necessary medallions. He asked me to appoint myself a committee of one, to consult further with Ray Cline, and to come up with a new recommendation.

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25X1 6. John Clarke asked me to speak to Des FitzGerald about a replacement for [] I agreed to do this in the near future.

25X1 7. John Warner and [] were in to talk with me about legislative proposals. They have received only two suggestions for items to be included in the President's State of the Union message. The DD/P proposed that the President make a brief reference to CIA's role and express confidence in the Agency. The DD/I suggested that the need for more scholars on Chinese affairs be highlighted. I discussed these suggestions with Dick Helms, who did not believe these would be appropriate for inclusion in the President's State of the Union message. Three other proposals have already been introduced.

- a. Relief from the \$50 per day limitation on consultant fees,
- b. An automatic cost-of-living adjustment to our retirement legislation, and
- c. Tax exemption for disability retirement.

There are several other proposals about which there should be no question.

- a. Making it a Federal offense to use the name "Central Intelligence Agency" or the initials "CIA" under certain circumstances,
- b. Several clean-up items in connection with Public Law 110 which have already been approved by the Agency and the Bureau of the Budget,
- c. Re-employment rights for retired annuitants under our new retirement law,
- d. A provision to require the Civil Service Commission to transfer to us both the employee and Government contributions when an employee changes from the Civil Service system to the CIA retirement system; the reverse would of course also be true, and
- e. Establishment of a uniform retirement date in order to be consistent with Civil Service retirement.

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There have been a few other suggestions which are questionable.

a. Legislation to award the Purple Heart to civilians killed or wounded in a combat zone; i. e., our employees who were killed or wounded in the Saigon Embassy bombing this spring. (I think this is not really necessary since this can be done by Executive Order and the Department of State already has something in train on this subject.)

b. Relief on forfeiture of annual leave and forfeiture of sick leave. I think that neither of these is practical since this is a Government-wide problem and not peculiar to CIA.

c. Subsidization of college students as an enticement to work for CIA after graduation. This proposal is unquestionably a result of the Director's interest in NPIC recruitment. If this proposal is practical at all, it would certainly require further study, and we are in no position to submit it against our present short deadline.

8. Paul Borel was in to discuss with me a medal for [] 25X1
DD/I recommended the Distinguished Service Medal, but the Honor and Merit Awards Board approved the Intelligence Medal of Merit. I told Paul that I had no strong feelings about the matter but that I was sure we would be reluctant to overrule the Board and that, if they desire to appeal the decision, they should appeal it to the Board. I also discussed DD/I supergrade positions with Paul. I told him that I am most reluctant to transfer [] job, promote 25X1
him to grade GS-18, and then abolish the job so that he can retire a year earlier. I asked Paul to talk with [] about the possibility of 25X1
remaining on as Chief of the [] and retiring in 25X1
1967 instead of 1966. I told Paul that I intend to talk with Larry Houston about this. I also told him that I was reluctant to approve a supergrade position for a Special Assistant to the Director of Basic Intelligence. He admitted that this was also a temporary expedient and that he would prefer one of his divisions to have the position. I asked him to make this change. Paul also admitted that, in his judgment, [] 25X1
[] position is not really worth a GS-17 and that he would not fill it with a GS-17 if [] ever vacated the position.

9. Dick Helms advised me that he had spoken to the Director about releasing Peer deSilva from his present duties so that he can be

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transferred to the [] as [] deputy with the thought that he will replace Jack sometime next spring. The Director did not balk at releasing Peer from his present job although he did have some reservations. He had more serious reservations, however, about the wisdom of filling this job from within the Agency, particularly with someone who is not a flier, rather than from within the Air Force. At Dick's request I asked Bud Wheelon to produce a paper giving the pros and cons of filling this position from within the Agency vis-a-vis the Air Force. He should then develop his case for Peer or someone like him as the candidate.

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